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FOR ASST. SECY. ROGERS

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SUBJECT: CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA: USE OF SITREPS
TO BRIEF GOG OFFICIALS

REF: A) STATE 010646, B) STATE 011936, C) GEORGETOWN 0113

1. IN REFTEL A, BILL LUERS ASKED THAT ARA ADDRESSEES OF SITREPS
GIVE YOU AND OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS THE BENEFIT OF
FEEDBACK FROM HOST GOVT OFFICIALS TO WHOM AMBASSADORS GIVE
BRIEFINGS
BASED ON THESE BACKGROUNDERS.

2. NOW THAT GOG HAS RECOGNIZED THE MPLA I DOUBT THAT IT SERVES
OUR INTERESTS TO CONTINUE GIVING FONMIN WILLS THE BENEFIT OF THIS
INFORMATION. I BELIEVE WE MUST NOW ASSUME THAT VIRTUALLY ANYTHING
WE SAY TO WILLS WILL EVENTUALLY BE REPEATED TO THE CUBANS, NOT
NECESSARILY BY WILLS HIMSELF BUT CERTAINLY BY ONE OR ANOTHER OF
HIS CABINET COLLEAGUES. I FIND LITTLE INFORMATION IN EITHER OF THE
MOST RECENT SITREPS (REFTELS A AND B) WHICH WOULD DO US GRIEVOUS
HARM IF IT WERE CONVEYED TO THE CUBAN GOVT, BUT ON THE OTHER
HAND IT WOULD HARDLY ENHANCE OUR IMAGE WITH EITHER THE GOG
OR THE GOC IF WE WERE TO KEEP ON FEEDING THE MOUTH THAT HAS JUST
BIT OFF ONE OR TWO FINGERS.

3. MOREOVER, TO SHUT OFF THE FLOW OF INFORMATION WOULD BE
CONSONANT WITH OUR POSTURE ON LINKING MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY
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WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS.

4. IF I HAVE OVERLOOKED SOME SIGNIFICANT FACTOR WHICH WOULD
WARRANT DIFFERENT PROCEDURE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.
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